

September 30, 1999

Mr. Tom Handegard Lakeside Industries 4850 NW Front Avenue Portland, Oregon 97210 FAX To: Chuck G.

RE: Underground Injection Control (UIC)

Dear Mr. Handegard:

This is a follow up letter from the UIC inspection done by Calvin Terada of EPA and Barbara Priest of DEQ on August 31, 1999. You are operating several injection wells (dry wells/sumps) at your site. This letter is intended to inform you about Oregon's Underground Injection Control (UIC) program. As Oregonians become more dependent on underground aquifers for clean and reliable drinking water, there is a need to insure that the state's aquifers do not become contaminated or threaten present or future drinking water supplies. Use of injection wells should only be considered when other viable alternatives are not available. You need to be aware of the restrictions and requirements in State and Federal regulations that apply to the use of injection systems.

The UIC program is authorized by the federal Safe Drinking Water Act, and is administered under 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part 144. The program has been delegated to Oregon's Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and is regulated by Oregon Administrative Rules (OAR) Chapter 340, Division 44.

Most injection wells in Oregon are defined as "Class V" wells (see attached list). Class V wells currently include: sumps, drywells, stormwater wells, geothermal reinjection wells (reinjection, heat pumps, aquaculture), mineral and fossil fuel recovery wells, domestic wastewater disposal wells (cesspools and drainfield systems) industrial- commercial-utility disposal wells, aquifer recharge wells, subsidence control wells, aquifer remediation wells, abandoned wells used for waste disposal, experimental wells and others.

All existing and new injection wells, regardless of class or type, are federally required to be registered. Injection wells that require individual permits, including WPCF, NPDES, or other agency permits (i.e. Water Resources), must also maintain inventory information with the UIC program. DEQ is giving all facilities, and individual residential owners registration amnesty until December 31, 1999, while the UIC rules are updated and program guidelines are completed. Jurisdictions and agencies will have until December 31, 2000 to register their public wells.

Attached is an injection well registration form, along with data on frequently asked questions related to registration. The front side, facility information, need only be filled out once. The back side, well information, should be completed for each well being registered. Also attached is a list of Class V wells and a matrix of the program rules for stormwater. Further information about the program is available on the Internet at http://waterquality.deq.state.or.us/wq/ by clicking on "UIC."

Please send in copies of the water soluable MSDS which are associated with your shop and washing operations. If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me

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